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New Changes to the WIC Authorized Foods

The Vendor News Flash of September listed changes to the WIC authorized foods. The News Flash stated that beginning January 1, 2002, vendors must use only the 2002 WIC Approved Foods List/Brochure (and Poster). One of the changes is that **cheese from the deli or meat market and bulk dried beans are no longer allowed**. Cheese is only allowed in one or two pound packages only. Beans must be pre-packaged in a sealed package by distributors only. However, while it was our intent to disallow bulk beans effective January 1, 2002, some food vouchers are still in circulation which allow bulk beans. Vendors should allow bulk beans only if the food voucher printing authorizes them.

In the coming weeks there are additional changes.

Four 15-16 oz. cans of beans will be added to the homeless food package. The beans are to contain no meat and no sauce.

The enhanced breastfeeding homeless package will change from four 6 oz. cans of tuna to six 3 oz. cans.

Mead Johnson, manufacturer of infant formulas, is changing the can size of their powdered formulas from 16 and 14 oz. cans to 14.3 oz. cans. During a transition period the powdered formula food vouchers will be redeemable for either can size. If a WIC client cannot fill their number of cans entitlement with one can size, she may mix can sizes up to the maximum number of cans printed on the formula voucher.

For a list of affected formulas and new quantities see the reverse side of this News Flash. The wording printed on the reverse will be the wording printed on the powdered formula food vouchers during the transition period.

Listed below are the revised quantities of formula issued to WIC participants based on the changes in can sizes. In most instances the number of cans the client receives either remain the same or are reduced.

Enfamil with Iron-POWD 1ea-16oz or 1ea-14.3oz
Enfamil with Iron-POWD 2ea-16oz or 2ea-14.3oz
Enfamil with Iron-POWD 4ea-16oz or 4ea-14.3oz
Enfamil with Iron-POWD 8ea-16oz or 8ea-14.3oz
Enfamil with Iron-POWD 9ea-16oz or 10ea-14.3oz

Enfamil Low Iron-POWD 1ea-16oz or 1ea-14.3oz
Enfamil Low Iron-POWD 2ea-16oz or 2ea-14.3oz
Enfamil Low Iron-POWD 4ea-16oz or 4ea-14.3oz
Enfamil Low Iron-POWD 8ea-16oz or 8ea-14.3oz
Enfamil Low Iron-POWD 9ea-16oz or 10ea-14.3oz

Enfamil LactoFree-POWD 1ea-14oz or 1ea-14.3oz
Enfamil LactoFree-POWD 2ea-14oz or 2ea-14.3oz
Enfamil LactoFree-POWD 4ea-14oz or 4ea-14.3oz
Enfamil LactoFree-POWD 9ea-14oz or 8ea-14.3oz
Enfamil LactoFree-POWD 10ea-14oz or 10ea-14.3oz

Prosobee-POWD 1ea-14oz or 1ea-14.3oz
Prosobee-POWD 2ea-14oz or 2ea-14.3oz
Prosobee-POWD 4ea-14oz or 4ea-14.3oz
Prosobee-POWD 9ea-14oz or 8ea-14.3oz
Prosobee-POWD 10ea-14oz or 10ea-14.3oz

EnfaCare-POWD 2ea-14oz or 2ea-14.3oz
EnfaCare-POWD 4ea-14oz or 4ea-14.3oz
EnfaCare-POWD 9ea-14oz or 8ea-14.3oz
EnfaCare-POWD 10ea-14oz or 10ea-14.3oz

Enfamil AR-POWD 2ea-14oz or 2ea-14.3oz
Enfamil AR-POWD 4ea-14oz or 4ea-14.3oz
Enfamil AR-POWD 9ea-14oz or 8ea-14.3oz
Enfamil AR-POWD 10ea-14oz or 10ea-14.3oz

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